



Stewardship of Money
Matthew 25:14-30



Introduction

Kind David writes in 1 Chronicles 29:12 “ Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all thing.”

In Psalm 24:1 he says “ The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”.

Introduction.

- **There are many other passages in the bible which makes it very clear that God is the owner of everything and we are the stewards.**
- **Like everything else, we need to be faithful managers of money which is entrusted to us by God.**

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- **We need to invest wisely.**
- **We need to live within our means.**
- **We need to save money for the rainy days.**
- **We need to avoid unnecessary debt.**
- **We need to prepare for the future.**
- **We need to be generous givers.**

We should invest wisely

- **In the parable of talents in Matt. 25:14-30, Christ commended the servants who invested wisely. They multiplied their talents.**
- **We should keep following things in mind as we make investment decisions.**

We should invest wisely

- **Start with prayer. Ask for wisdom. James 1:5**
- **Seek Godly counsel. Proverb 15:22**
- **Plant in the right soil. Gal. 6:7-9**
- **Maintain due diligence. Lk. 14:25-35**
- **Diversify your investments.**
- **Trust God. Deut. 8:18**

We should live within our means.

- **We need know our monthly income and expenses. This means, we should make a budget and live according to that.**
- **According to Larry Burkett “ Financial bondage can result from lack of money or overspending. But it can also be caused from the misuse of an abundance of money.**

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Some families have enough money to be undisciplined and get away with it. But true financial freedom requires that we be good stewards. That is only possible with self-discipline.”

I believe, that is the principle in Lk. 14:28-30

28 Ways to know you are overextended

- 1 You do not know how much debt you have and are afraid to add it up.**
- 2 You pay monthly bills with money targeted for other obligations.**
- 3 You pay the minimum payment on your credit cards each month.**
- 4 You increase your credit limits on your credit cards.**
- 5 You increase the number of your credit cards.**
- 6 You pay off credit card payments with other credit cards.**
- 7 You write postdated checks on regular basis.**
- 8 You spend money in advance of payday and must hurry to the payday to cover the checks you have written.**
- 9 You often have negative balance in your checkbook.**
- 10 You receive regular overdraft notices from the bank.**
- 11 You pay only the interest on the bank loans.**
- 12 You increase the borrowing limits at the bank.**
- 13 You do not have saving plan.**
- 14 You can not live 3-6 months without regular monthly income.**

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- 15 You decrease your 401K or pension contributions at work.**
- 16 Your mortgage payment or rent is more than 45 percent of your take home pay each month.**
- 17 you are one or more month behind paying one or more bills.**
- 18 You are behind in paying all your bills.**
- 19 You cash in savings for household needs.**
- 20 You cancel auto insurance on one or more cars.**
- 21 You cancel your health insurance.**
- 22 You pay regular household bills with borrowed money.**
- 23 You borrow money to pay bills from an uncommon source.**
- 24 You have received letter from collection agency.**
- 25 You have something repossessed.**
- 26 You have pending judgement that cannot be paid.**
- 27 You are considering filing for bankruptcy.**
- 28 You are paying bills with money normally given as tithe and offerings.**